

Colonel David L. Close
United States Marine Corps



Colonel Close graduated from Texas A&M University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the NROTC program in December 1982. After completing The Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course he reported to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Amphibious Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. From 1984 to 1987 he served as Rifle and Weapons Platoon Commander, E-Company, BLT 2/3, 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit; Commanding Officer, E-Company, 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines and as Assistant Operations Officer, S-3A, 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines.

From 1987-1989, he served as the Registrar, Marine Corps Institute, Marine Barracks Washington, DC and from 1989-1991 he served as the Commanding Officer, B-Company, Marine Barracks Washington, DC.

After graduating in 1991 from the US Army's Infantry Officer's Advance Course, Ft Benning, GA, he assumed command of Fox Company, Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/4, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. From 1992-1994 he served as the S-3 Operations Officer, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC.

From 1994-1997 he served as the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station San Francisco, CA and was awarded the Commandant's Superior Achiever Award for meeting or exceeding the assigned recruiting mission each year.

In 1998 he graduated from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College with distinction and from 1998-2001 he served as the Chief Marine Forces/Special Operations Branch, J318 Current Operations, J-3 United States Pacific Command at Camp Smith, Hawaii. He was assigned as the USPACOM J-3 lead for UNAMET and Operation Stabilize in East Timor.

From 2001-2003 he commanded 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii deploying to Australia, Korea, Philippines, Okinawa, Guam and Camp Fuji Japan.

After relinquishing command in 2003 he served as the Deputy J-3, JTF-555, Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines, in Zamboanga, Philippines.

In 2004 he graduated with distinction from the Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island and from 2004 to 2005 he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-3 Operations, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF. During the 2005 Indian Ocean Tsunami relief effort, he served as the J-3, JTF-536/Combined Support Group-Indonesia in Medan and Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

From 2005 to 2007 he commanded the School of Infantry-East and served as the Camp Commander for Camp Geiger, Camp Lejeune, NC.

From 2007-2008 he served as the AC/S G-5 for Economy, Governance, Tribal Engagement and Reconstruction, Multinational Force-West and II Marine Expeditionary Force (II MEF) Forward in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned as the AC/S G-3 Operations and AC/S G-5 Strategy and Plans, II MEF, Marine Forces Command, Camp Lejeune, NC from 2008-2010.

He transferred to Quantico, Virginia in August 2010 and assumed his current assignment as the Director of Expeditionary Warfare School.